examined and suitable steps are taken to adopt them in congruence with our national policy, and priorities. This is an ongoing process.

Concern by Andhra Pradesh Bar and Advocates Association on transfers and appointment of judges

408. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Bar Advocates Association have expressed concern over transfers and appointments of judges by Executives;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to check interference of executives in judiciary matters; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh High Court Advocates' Association in a representation has suggested the constitution of National Judicial Commission, continuance of the existing transfer policy of High Court Judges, filling up of vacancies in the Andhra Pradesh High Court, meaning of the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribun and providing statutory status to the Bar Association etc.

(c) and (d) The appointment and transfer of Judges of the High Courts is made as per provisions of the Constitution and there is no interferance of the executive in this.

Enhancement of Pay-Scale of Assistants

409. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 60 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether any final decision on the grant of Pay Scale of Rs. 1640-2900 to the Assistant's Cadre has since been taken; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when orders to this effect are likely to be issued?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the orders issued by Government is attached. (Annexure).

Annexure

No. 2/1/90.CS.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel & Training
New Delhi, dated the 31st July, 1990.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:—Revision of Scale of Pay of Assistant Grade of Central Secretariat Service and Grade 'C' Stenographers of Central Secretariat Stenographers Service.

The undersigned is directed to say that the question regarding revision of scale of pay for the post of Assistants in the Central Secretariat etc., has been under consideration of the Government in terms of order dated 23rd May, 1989 in OA No. 1538/87 by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi for some time past. The President is now pleased to prescribe the revised scale of Rs. 1640-60-2600-EB-75-2900 for the pre-revised scale of Rs. 425-15-500-EB-15-560-20-700-EB-25-800 for duty posts included in the Assistant

Grade of Central Secretariat Service and Grade 'C' Stenographers of Central Secretariat Stenographers Service with effect from 1.1.1986. The same revised pay scale will also be applicable to Assistants and Stenographers in other Organisations like Ministry of External Affairs which are not participating in the Central Secretariat Service and Central Secretariat Stenographers Service but where the posts are in comparable grades with same classification and pay scale and the method of recruitment through Open Competitive Examinination is also the same.

2. Pay of the Assistants and Grade 'C' Stenographers in position as on 1.1.1986, shall be fixed in terms of Central Civil Service (Revised Pay) Rules 1986. The employees concerned shall be given option to opt for the revised scale of pay from 1.1.1986 or subsequent date in terms of Rule 5 *ibid*, read with Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 7(52)-E.III/86 dated 22.12.1986 & 27.5.1988 in the form appended to Second Schedule of the rule *ibid*. This option should be excercised within three months of the date of issue of this O.M. The option once excercised shall be final.

3. Formal amendment to CSS(RP) Rules, 1986 will be issued in due course.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, (Department of Expenditure) *vide* their U.O. No. 7(43)/ IC/89 dated 30.7.90.

(Sd./-)
(Gurnihal Singh Pirzada)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To
All Ministries/Departments.

Exemption under FERA to NRIs

410. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for granting general exemption under FERA to non-resident Indians for setting up industries in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) A proposal envisaging, *inter-alia*, grant of exemption under various provisions of FERA, 1973 for declaration of foreign currency assets held by the NRI if they choose to come to India for a temporary period for setting up industrial/business enterprises or taking up, specialised short term assignments, has been received. The matter is under examination.

Prices of Tea

411. DR, RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring the trends of tea production and its prices in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check the rising prices of tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For improvement in tea production, Tea Board is providing financial assistance through various development schems. For expansion of tea cultivation in non-traditional areas also, financial assistance is being given. Production of leading tea producing companies is being monitored to assess the performance vis-a-vis target set for them for 1990.

(c) To check the rising prices of tea, Government have taken the following steps:—

(i) Sales of tea at the auction is being regulated by the Tea Board so as to make sizeable quantities available for domestic consumption.

(ii) The producers have been asked to make available about 10 Million kgs of